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Remarks

The Office Action mailed November 25, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof. Submitted herewith is a Submission of Marked Up Claims.

Claims 12-20 and 27 are now pending in this application. Claims 12-16 stand rejected. Claims 17-20 are allowed. Claims 1-11 and 21-26 have been cancelled. Claim 27 is newly added. No additional fee is due for newly added Claim 27.

The rejection of Claims 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tecza et al. ("Tecza") (US 5,521,448) is respectfully traversed.

Tecza describes a stator (18) that includes a stack (20) of concentric magnetic rings of alternating polarity aligned with stack (14) with a gap (19) therebetween and mounted to a bearing mount structure (22). The bearing mount structure extends perpendicular to shaft (16) and gaps (24, 26) are formed on the sides of bearing mount structure. The gaps include a resilient material (28, 30), respectively, such as an elastomer. Notably, the resilient material is not coupled to the bearing mount structure.

Claim 12 recites "an amortisseur bar damping device comprising a rigid support member including a first side and a second side opposite said first side ... and a first resilient member coupled to said first side and a second resilient member coupled to said second side."

Tecza does not describe nor suggest an amortisseur bar damping device including a rigid support member including a first side and a second side opposite said first side and a first resilient member coupled to the first side and a second resilient member coupled to the second side. Rather, Tecza describes a bearing mount structure and resilient material, but does not a rigid support member including a first side and a second side opposite the first side and a first resilient member coupled to the first side and a second resilient member coupled to the second side. For the reasons set forth above, Claim 12 is submitted to be patentable over Tecza.

Claims 13-16 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 12. When the recitations of Claims 13-16 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 12, Applicant submits that dependent Claims 13-16 likewise are patentable over Tecza.

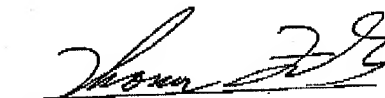
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With respect to newly added Claim 27, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited art describes an amortisseur bar damping device configured to fit between two amortisseur bars, wherein the damping device includes a rigid support member including a first side and a second side opposite said first side and a first resilient member disposed to said first side and a second resilient member disposed to said second side, the rigid support member, first resilient member, and second resilient member sized to fit between the two amortisseur bars. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claim 27 is patentable over the cited art.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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Submitted herewith are marked up claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R.

1.121(c)(1)(ii).

IN THE CLAIMS

12. (Once amended) An amortisseur bar damping device comprising:

a rigid support member including a first side and a second side opposite said first side;

and

a first resilient member [disposed] coupled to said first side and a second resilient member [disposed] coupled to said second side.

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